

BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL *NEWS*

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Braddock District Council “PLANNING OUR COUNCIL YEAR”

Tuesday, January 10, 2006, 7:30 PM
9002 Burke Lake Road
Burke, Virginia 22015

Braddock District Council Future Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, February 14 - General Membership
Tuesday, March 14 - General Membership
Tuesday, April 11 – General Membership
Tuesday, May 9 – General Membership

Message from the Chair:

The executive committee of the Braddock District Council had a meeting on December 13th to plan for activities and programs for 2006. We had a productive session and generated some good ideas that I want to share with you.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 10, 2006.

- The program will begin with an important briefing on **VDOT snow removal policies** and winter road treatment. The Council believes that residents should be aware of what they can and cannot expect of VDOT this coming winter season.
- We also will have a discussion of the **Braddock District Council by-laws**. There are parts and provisions within the by-laws that may need to be updated or changed and we'd like to bring those to the table for consideration.
- A third agenda item is to discuss topics for future **programs/workshops**. There are six specific suggestions:
 - Liabilities and Responsibilities regarding Storm-water facilities and Dry Ponds,
 - Maintenance of privately-owned and HOA/CA-owned swimming pools with reference to County Regulations,
 - Volunteerism: Recruitment, Involvement, and Retention,
 - Diverse Cultures: How to facilitate communication and involvement in communities,
 - Disaster Preparedness, and
 - Building Guidelines and Zoning Issues (a follow-up to the Joint Session with the North Springfield District Council on this subject).

While these are not the only important topics that are under discussion, it is very unlikely that we can undertake even all of these this winter and spring. In consequence, we'll look to you for your thoughts as to what programs will be most important, timely, and relevant.

There are also several initiatives that the Executive Committee discussed that I want to bring to your attention at the January meeting. Bruce Wallachy is heading one of the most important of these initiatives—the Communications Program—and he'll provide an update on that. Another initiative under consideration is to update the Council database on our Braddock District civic associations and to establish a Braddock District Library. And finally, we are thinking ahead to the July Council picnic and awards ceremony and have a new and exciting proposal to present for your consideration!

Sometime within the next several months, the Council and Supervisor Bulova will co-host a workshop on the topic of County Animal Control. There is evidently a good deal of confusion about what Animal Control can and cannot do. We also will have a speaker at this workshop about Disaster Preparedness for Pets—a topic particularly timely after the experiences of pet owners in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

I want to give a special thanks to Jeff Nolan, Ivan Dietrich, Colin Campbell, Bruce Wallachy, Brent Reynolds, and Tom Reinkober for generously giving their time during this busy season to plan our Council activities. To all of you, I send warm best wishes for the New Year!

Janyce Hedetniemi

Braddock District Council Officers

Chair, Janyce Hedetniemi
Vice-Chair, Jeff Nolan
Treasurer, Ivan Dietrich
Recording Secretary, Colin Campbell
Communications Chair, Bruce Wallachy

SUPERVISOR BULOVA'S CORNER

It's going to be a busy year. My staff and I have put together a timeline for 2006 events and projects. As we finished up I couldn't help thinking what an involved community we have here in Braddock. Thanks in advance for working with my office to help make Braddock District the great place that it is to live, work, play and raise our families. The following are some highlights of things to come. I encourage you to share this information with your neighbors.

• **THE COMPREHENSIVE AREA PLANS REVIEW (APR) PROCESS**

A Braddock District Citizen Task Force of 15 community representatives began meeting in June to learn about the County's process for considering changes to the Comprehensive Plan for the development of land and transportation. During the first four meetings, Task Force members received primers on Planning, Zoning, Land Use Case Law, the existing Braddock District Comprehensive Plan and potential nominations. The deadline for nominations to be submitted was late September. The following **Community Outreach Meetings** are planned so that interested neighbors may have an opportunity to learn about and discuss the nominations.

✓ **Task Force Nominations** - February 7, Tuesday, 7:30 PM, at Kings Park

Library Community Room. Task Force Nominations include several trails, including enhanced bike and pedestrian access to the Burke Centre VRE Station. Other nominations provide language that emphasizes the need to provide environmental protection on particular parcels of land, and to maintain the existing low density character of Braddock District neighborhoods. The option for a future commuter parking facility is suggested for several parcels of land at the intersections of Braddock Road, Rolling Road, and Burke Lake Road.

✓ **Redevelopment (Mixed Use) of Heritage Mall** in Annandale and

Adjustments to the Annandale Revitalization Overlay Boundaries – February 21, Tuesday, 7:30 PM, at (Tentative) Annandale Terrace Elementary School, Annandale.

✓ **Mixed Use for Properties at Northwest Quadrant of Ox Road and University Dr. (opposite GMU) and Increased Density for Good Shepard Church** at Olley Lane and Braddock Road – March 7, Tuesday, at Braddock Hall (adjacent to the Kings Park Library at 9002 Burke lake Road).

✓ **Mixed Use for land on which Waples Mobil Home Park is now located**

- March 21, Tuesday, 7:30 PM, at Fairfax County Credit Union, 11307 Lee Highway, Fairfax.

Task Force members will vote on whether to recommend nominations should be approved or denied at their May 16th meeting. Public hearings on the APR nominations are scheduled to be held before the Planning Commission in June 2006 and before the Board of Supervisors in September/October 2006.

• **WINTER TOWN MEETING – ELDER ISSUES**

On Wednesday, February 8th, 2 PM, at Little River Glen Senior Center (Rt. 236 and Olley Lane in Fairfax) my office will be hosting our annual Winter Town Meeting for seniors. Following through with our recent focus on history, the program is titled **“Your Stories”**. Residents of Little River Glen will share interesting stories about their lives. The program will conclude with an “Open Mike” personal history telling session for members of the audience. The program will be televised on Fairfax County cable channel 16. Check with my office (703 425 9300) for the broadcast dates.

• **TWO GROUNDBREAKINGS!**

This winter, work will begin to construct the parking lot for the **Burke Centre Community Library**. Work on the library building will begin in August. My office is facilitating an effort to include a **Time Capsule** in the cornerstone of the library building. We are meeting soon with Friends of the Burke Centre Library to begin plans for this.

Also in August, work will begin to construct the **Burke Centre VRE Station Parking Facility**. A Task Force of citizens and County staff participated in the design of this attractive facility, which includes environmental features, and allows the adjacent athletic fields and popular Farmers Market to continue operating.

• **A LOOK BACK AT BRADDOCK BOOK DEBUT**

Following an eighteen month effort to collect old stories and recollections, historic materials and maps of the area, members of the A Look Back at Braddock Task Force will host a debut of their final products during Lake Accotink Heritage Days, the weekend of June 2nd through 4th.

• **BRADDOCK GLEN (LITTLE RIVER GLEN II)**

ASSISTED LIVING & ADULT DAY CARE FACILITY RIBBON CUTTING

This long planned addition to the existing Little River Glen Senior Campus will officially open this spring/summer! The exact date for a ribbon cutting ceremony will be announced in the spring Braddock Byline. The Assisted Living facility will provide care for 60 individuals. The adjacent Adult Day Care Facility will provide services and assistance, as well as social opportunities for older seniors who can be dropped off during the day.

County staff has already begun some preliminary planning for **Little River Glen III**, which will provide additional affordable apartments for seniors who can live independently. Later this year, my office will be convening a new community task force to invite neighbors of the planned facility to participate in the planning of this last phase of Little River Glen.

- **THE WORLD FAMOUS BOB's (BEST OF BRADDOCK) AWARDS**

In March my office will have BOB Award Nomination forms available for 2006 nominees. The BOB's is a joint Braddock District Council/Braddock District Supervisor Program to recognize those citizens, organizations and businesses of the Braddock District who have gone above and beyond to be the very best. BOB categories include:

- Braddock District Citizen of the Year
- Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification in the Braddock District
 - Individual Home or Homeowner/Community Association Project
- Commercial Beautification or Improvement in the Braddock District
- Landscaping, Building Appearance, Clean-Up, Other
- Most "Can-Do" Public Employee Working on Issues in the Braddock District
- Federal, State, Local
- Most Outstanding Business Person in the Braddock District
- Club or Organization Really Making a Difference in the Braddock District

Deadline for nominations will be in mid-May, 2006. Awards will be presented at the Braddock District Council's annual picnic in July.

- **REHABILITATION OF ROYAL LAKE DAM AUXILIARY SPILLWAY**

Following an on-site meeting at the Royal Lake Dam in October 2005, officials from the County, State and Federal government and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District are reviewing options for making improvements to the dam's auxiliary spillway. This winter, my office will be convening a **Task Force of community association representatives** to participate in discussions about which option to proceed with. A community meeting will be held this spring to bring neighbors of the lake up-to-date on how improvements will be made to the structure to prevent flooding and prolong the life of the dam and the lake.

- **DREDGING OF LAKE ACCOTINK**

Work has already begun to install piping from Lake Accotink, along the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks, to the Shirley Park Industrial Complex on the east side of Backlick Road. The process will involve silt being removed by a dredging machine and hydraulic pumping. Completion is slated for late fall of 2006. Programs and activities at the lake are not expected to be interrupted while the dredging is taking place. Throughout the project, the lake will continue to hold water. To keep noise to a minimum, dredging will not begin before 7 AM and will end every day at 5 PM. Dredging will not take place during the weekends.

I look forward to working with you during the year ahead. Community involvement makes everything work best!

Sincerely,

Sharon Bulova